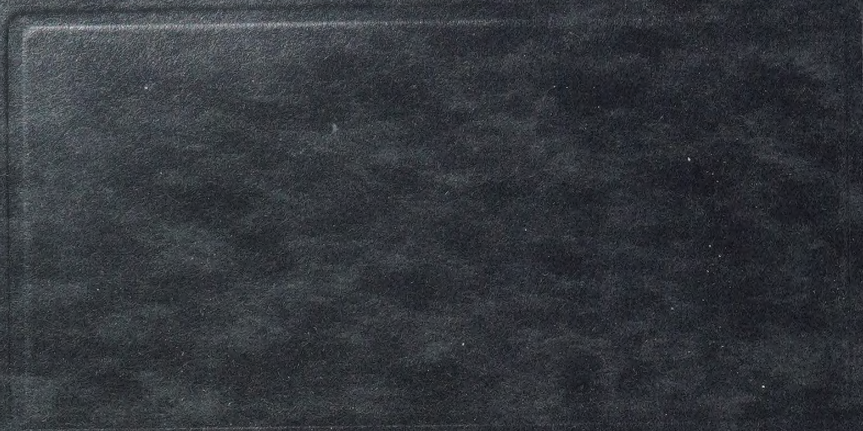


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Have you ever asked any of these...



The answers to these and many other questions come from the staff of the City of Hamilton Planning and Development Department!

What does Planning accomplish? Why is there a City of Hamilton Planning and Development Department?

Planning strives to create a better living environment for the residents of Hamilton. The mission of the Planning and Development Department is to create with the Hamilton community a vibrant, healthy and attractive city through planning today for tomorrow.

What does the Hamilton Planning and Development Department do?

The Planning and Development Department staff are the "urban specialists" in the City of Hamilton. We provide advice and guidance to City Council on development planning matters and neighbourhood issues. We meet with citizens and

neighbourhood groups to try and resolve problems that are apparent in a specific area. We provide statistical information to businesses looking to invest in Hamilton or existing businesses thinking of expanding operations. We research economic, social, demographic and environmental trends and identify how they impact specific neighbourhoods and the City of Hamilton as a community. And we stand up for the interests of the City of Hamilton in dealing with other municipalities and other levels of government.

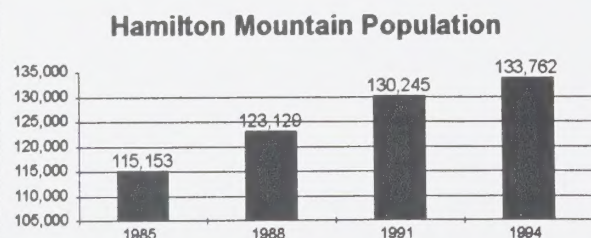
Very simply, we are the resource of planning information and expertise to City Council, Hamilton residents and the business community.



Are other levels of government involved in City Planning for Hamilton?

Yes, but in a more indirect manner. The Region of Hamilton-Wentworth's planning role is more broad than the City of Hamilton's. Hamilton-Wentworth focuses on regional planning matters such as managing natural areas and resources, growth patterns, providing an integrated transportation system and managing water supply and waste disposal systems.

The Provincial Government is also involved in City Planning in Hamilton. The Planning Act is a Provincial statute that provides the legal framework for municipalities in Ontario to actually plan their communities for the future. The Provincial Government also provides advice and guidance to municipalities on various planning issues and concerns.



Does the Planning and Development Department make all the decisions on how the City grows, what new development will be allowed and how neighbourhood issues are resolved?

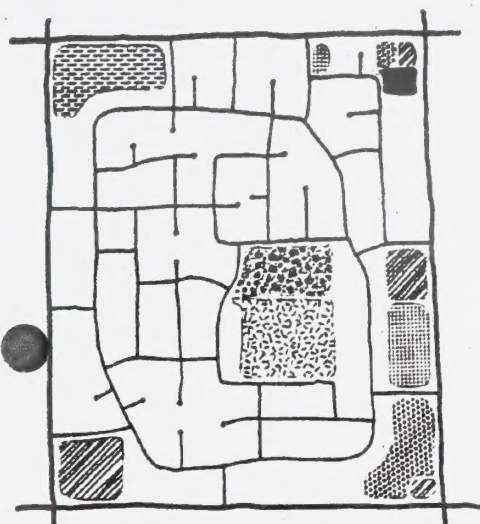
No. The final decision-makers are the Mayor and your elected aldermen - Hamilton City Council. There are eight "wards" in Hamilton and two aldermen are elected from each ward. The Planning Department provides advice, opinions and recommendations to Hamilton City Council on planning-related issues.

Does my opinion count as Mr/Ms do I let City Hall know my opinion

Every citizen's opinion counts and it is critical and your politicians to hear your ideas and concerns. If an application has been made to the City to allow a different land use on a parcel of land, (homeowners and businesses) and tenants will be asked for their opinions on the proposal. If you have an idea about a planning issue in your neighbourhood, contact the Planning Department or your two aldermen or voice on Hamilton City Council.

What "tools" does the Planning and Development Department and the City of Hamilton use to create a "better living environment" for Hamilton residents?

There are several important tools. The **Official Plan** is Hamilton's blueprint for the future. It is the document that outlines where and how the City will grow. The Official Plan is also the document that expresses the collective ideas of the citizens and business community of Hamilton and provides the Vision of Hamilton in the future. Hamilton has been evolving its Official Plan since the first Official Plan was created back in 1945.

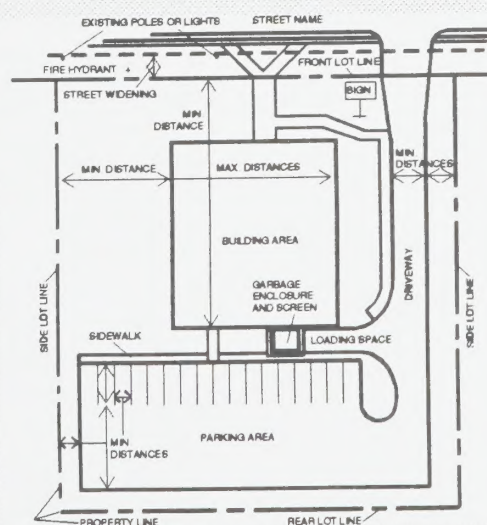


Neighbourhood Plans...

...look at small geographic areas in the City and are created with the residents of the particular neighbourhood. Neighbourhood Plans outline land uses for specific parcels of land and more importantly detail what kind of neighbourhood the residents want to have in the future. Creating Neighbourhood Plans is a dynamic and exciting process that taps into the expertise of neighbourhood residents.

The Hamilton Zoning By-law...

...details the specific technical requirements for how specific parcels of land can be used. For example, the Zoning By-law specifies the distance a house can be from the property line and details the permitted uses within a commercial plaza.



Public Citizen? How on a planning issue?

For the Planning Department concerns. For example, when change the Zoning By-law to all property owners within a 120 metre radius will you have strong concerns or elsewhere in the City, ward aldermen who are your



What if I disagree with a planning decision made by City Council?

We live in a democracy - you can appeal it! If, for example, City Council approves a development proposal that you disagree with, you have the legal right to appeal that decision to the "Ontario Municipal Board", which is similar to a court of law. Appeals made for valid planning reasons lead to a formal hearing. The Ontario Municipal Board will hear both sides of the story and they will decide what is best based on the merits of the planning evidence that is presented at the hearing.

Why would I ever need to contact the Hamilton Planning and Development Department?

The reasons are endless! For example...

- You are moving to a new home and you want to know what is going on in the new neighbourhood.
- You want to set up a new retail store and need to know where the population is growing in Hamilton.
- You have a large building lot and are wondering if it could be severed in half to create two building lots.
- Your church's attendance has been declining; you want to compare the population characteristics of your neighbourhood today compared to 10 years ago.
- There is a vacant parcel of land in the middle of your block and you want to know what is going to be built there and when.
- You need detailed maps of a particular area of the City.
- You have seen a sign that says "City of Hamilton Public Notice for a Change in Zoning" go up on your street and you want further information.
- You have bought an older house and you want to know how to research its history and whether it is a heritage building.

For further information on this brochure, please contact Keith Extance at (905) 546-4158.

How do I find out about what is happening in my neighbourhood or other parts of the City?

Give us a call! Pay us a visit at City Hall! Invite us to your Neighbourhood Association meeting! Creating a better living environment for all Hamiltonians begins with information. We want the citizens of Hamilton to know the trends and issues that are occurring in their neighbourhood and City. Our job is to make a better community, and having well-informed citizens makes that task much easier.

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CityView Hamilton's Plan for Tomorrow is your opportunity to present your ideas and thoughts on the future of Hamilton.

Your ideas will ultimately form the basis of a new Official Plan for the City of Hamilton.

Staff of Hamilton's Planning and Development Department are available to answer your questions on any facet of CityView.

Ways to Contact Us...

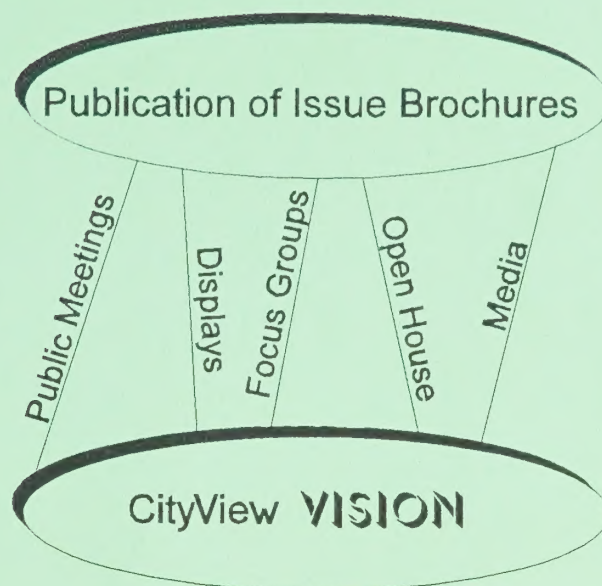
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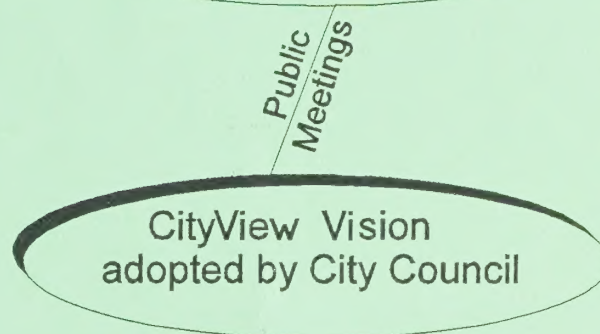
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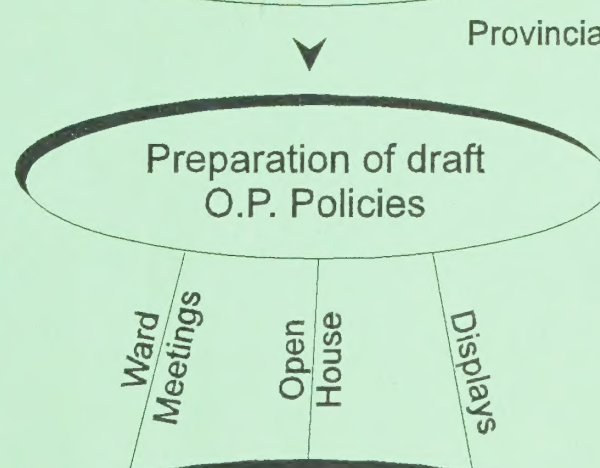
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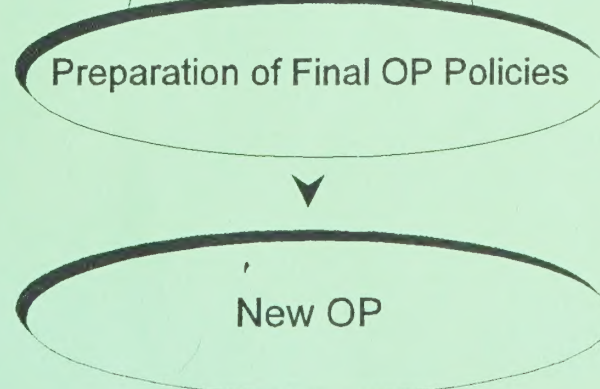
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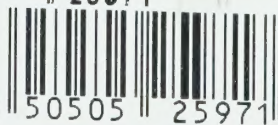


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